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SUBJECT: SECRETARY DENT'S CONVERSATIONS: ARTICLE XXIV:6
NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS UNCLEARED MEMCON COVERING
SECRETARY'S REPRESENTATIONS TO GOB ON ARTICLE XXIV:6
NEGOTIATIONS. REPRESENTATIONS RE F-104 REPLACEMENT
REPORTED SEPARATELY. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING APRIL 17 CALL ON BELGIAN MIN FOR ECON AFFAIRS
WILLY CLAES, COMMERCE SECRETARY DENT, ACCOMPANIED BY
AMBASSADOR STRAUZS-HUPE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
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COMMERCE FOX, AND COMMERCIAL ATTACHE GRANT, TOOK THE
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS FOR GOB CON-

CESSIONS ON ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS.

3. MINISTER CLAES OPENED CONVERSATION NOTING THAT BELGIUM CURRENTLY HAVING DIFFICULTIES FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT AND THAT MAJOR DECISIONS DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE. SECRETARY DENT REPLIED THAT THERE WERE PRESENTLY ISSUES OF VITAL IMPORTANCE BEFORE THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE FREE WORLD AND THAT IT WAS REGRETTABLE THAT ANY MEMBER OF ALLIANCE SHOULD BE IN A POSITION WHERE IT COULD NOT MAKE DECISIONS NECESSARY TO THE WELFARE OF ITS OWN PEOPLE AND TO THE COOPERATIVE SOLUTION TO MUTUAL PROBLEMS. HE SAID IT WAS WISH OF U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SEE EUROPE STRENGTHEN ITS OWN INTERNAL TIES, THEN WITH THIS STRONGER UNITY WORK FOR SOLUTION OF OUR COMMON PROBLEMS THROUGH CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION. CLAES REPLIED THAT HE FAVORED EUROPEAN INTEGRATION WHILE MAINTAINING STRONG TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AT ALL TIMES.

4. SECRETARY DENT SAID THAT ONE IMPORTANT PROBLEM TO BE RESOLVED WAS TO ARRIVE AT EQUITABLE SOLUTION IN CURRENT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS. HE NOTED THAT WE MUST PROVE TO U.S. CONGRESS IN CONTEXT OF TRADE REFORM ACT AND MTN THAT THERE WAS WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE AND GIVE ON BOTH SIDES IN PRESENT SITUATION. THE U.S. HAD MODIFIED ITS DEMANDS ON ITEMS LIKE FILM, BUT HAD GONE AS FAR AS IT COULD GO. IT WAS NOW UP TO EUROPEANS TO SHOW THEY TOO COULD SACRIFICE A LITTLE TO ACHIEVE A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. HE REMARKED THAT THE AMOUNT OF TRADE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT IN RELATION TO THE TOTAL TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EC WAS MINUTE, BUT WITH PRODUCTION CUT-BACK ONE-THIRD IN DETROIT, EVEN MOVEMENT ON SMALL ITEM TAKES ON IMPORTANT SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE IN THE U.S.

5. MR. FOX COMMENTED THAT WE HAD ACCEPTED THE ARGUMENT ON FILM, OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BELGIANS, AND MADE ADJUSTMENTS. IF BELGIANS WOULD WITHDRAW OBJECTIONS ON DUMPERS IT WOULD LEAVE ONLY ITALIAN CITRUS AND TOBACCO
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AS PROBLEMS. IF THESE SOLVED IT WOULD PROVE TO SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT WE BOTH CAN HAVE AND HAVE HAD FRUITFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

6. COMMENT: MINISTER CLAES APPEARED IMPRESSED BY ARGUMENTS PRESENTED AND CABINET LEVEL OF U.S. APPROACH. HE REITERATED BELGIAN DESIRE FOR ACCOMMODATION WITH THE U.S., BUT BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF HIS OWN AND BELGIAN GOVERNMENT FUTURE, STRESSED HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY CONSIDERS

REPRESENTATION AT CABINET LEVEL WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT ON BELGIAN DECISION-MAKERS DESPITE PRESENT
POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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